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SUBJ: USAID PROTEST COMMITTEE ATTACKS VOA NEWS COVERAGE

REF: VIENTIANE 4412

1. USAID PROTEST COMMITTEE TODAY HANDED OUT A LEAFLET DATED JUNE 20 ATTACKING VOA COVERAGE OF AN AID EMPLOYEE WHO ON JUNE 19 ATTEMPTED BUT FAILED TO DEPART VIENTIANE VIA THE WATTAY AIRPORT. THE LEAFLET IN QUESTION QUOTED THE VOA'S REPORT THAT PGNU OFFICIALS HAD PREVENTED MICHAEL ROGAL, AN AID OFFICIAL, FROM LEAVING VIENTIANE.

2. THE PROTEST COMMITTEE LEAFLET STATED THAT THIS REPORT CAUSED MISUNDERSTANDINGS AMONG THE LAO PEOPLE AS TO PGNU OFFICIALS PERFORMANCE OF THEIR WORK AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN THE LAO AND AMERICAN PEOPLES. THE PROTEST COMMITTEE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREVENTING ROGAL'S DEPARTURE BECAUSE IT CLAIMED HE HAD SOUGHT TO AVOID HIS DUTIES IN PAYING OFF AID EMPLOYEES

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AND ALSO STATED HIS PAPERS WERE NOT IN ORDER (BOTH

CHARGES PATENTLY FALSE). PROTESTORS MADE MUCH THE SAME POINT TO
ACTING USAID DIRECTOR JUNE 20; SEE PARA 6 OF REFTTEL.

3. FROM THE TONE OF THIS LEAFLET VOA'S COVERAGE
APPARENTLY DREW BLOOD, ALTHOUGH IT IS HARD TO FIGURE
OUT WHY THE AID PROTEST COMMITTEE'S ADMISSION THAT
IT COULD IN FACT PREVENT PEOPLE FROM DEPARTING LAOS
WOULD HELP THE PGNU'S IMAGE.
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